

## **A Success Story:**

### **The Development of the Kansas Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan**

State Program: Chronic Disease Prevention

National Health Objective: HO 3-1 Overall Cancer deaths

Block Grant Role: Supplemental Funding

Block Grant Funding Percentage: Less than 10% - Minimal source of funding

Block Grant Current Year Funds: \$46,265

#### **Issue:**

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Kansas.

#### **Intervention:**

##### **What we know:**

Prevention and early detection can reduce the morbidity and mortality of many cancers. Once cancer is diagnosed, patients must have the benefits of quality treatment and care throughout their survivorship or end of life. Information provided through medical professionals, advocacy organizations, policy makers and the general public will help Kansans make informed decisions regarding prevention and screening.

##### **What we did:**

Prevention Health Block Grant dollars were used by the Cancer Prevention and Control Program, Office of Health Promotion, to reduce the morbidity and mortality of cancer in Kansas through coordination of the Kansas Cancer Partnership, a consortium of 65 organizations who met in person and via conference calls throughout Spring, 2004. The Partnership identified the barriers and assets within the state for cancer prevention and control and identified overarching strategies to reduce the morbidity and mortality of the diseases. Strategies included needs for public and professional education (especially related to obesity, nutrition, and physical fitness), patient navigation systems, and identification of additional data related to cancer incidence.

#### **Impact:**

The convening of the Cancer Partnership created an unmatched opportunity for medical professionals, advocacy organizations, state staff and others interested in cancer to work together cooperatively to reduce the burden of disease in Kansas. The plan is being distributed at this time and the effect of this opportunity for working together is currently under evaluation. The breast, skin and cervical cancer, cardiovascular disease, arthritis and related portions of the prevention Web site are completed with the other sites soon to be completed.

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